

Declaration for Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**A MULTIPLE HIERARICHAL/PEER DOMAIN FILE SERVER WITH DOMAIN BASED,
CROSS DOMAIN COOPERATIVE, FAULT HANDLING MECHANISMS**

which is described and claimed in Application for United States Letters Patent Serial Number 09/580,187 filed on May 26, 2000.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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